GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2446
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2000
WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT SCHEME
RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed under the Watershed Development Scheme for the Eighth Five Year Plan alongwith the details of the achievements made thereunder, State- wise;

(b) whether the target fixed under the said schemes could not be achieved during the said Plan;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the targets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a), (b) & (c): The Department of Land Resources,Ministry of Rural Development is implementing three major programmes for Watershed Development namely Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP),the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and the Desert Development Programme (DDP).Budget Estimate (BE), Revised Estimate (RE) and Actual Expenditure (AE) for all these Programmes for the Eighth Five Year Plan is given as under:-

(Rupees in Crores)

VIII Plan	IWDP	DPAP	DDP
B.E.	210.51	500.00	500.00
R.E.	206.75	448.26	410.00
A.E.	215.31	442.18	376.78

With effect from 1.4.1995, these programmes are implemented on the `Guidelines for Watershed Development`. Under these programmes, watershed development projects are sanctioned for treatment of wastelands/degraded lands over a period of five years. Funds are released to the DRDAs/ZPs for implementation of the programmes on project to project basis, depending upon the progress of work. Fund released to thÃ¥ differenÃ´ StateÃ³ durinÃ§ VIIÃ‰ PlaÃ® PerioÃ¤ undeÃ² thesÃ¥ Â programmeÃ³ iÃ³ giveÃ® iÃ® thÃ¥ Annexure(r)

(d) In order to ensure that targets are achieved effectively, the guidlines provide constitution of a Watershed Development Advisory Committee at the district level and a Watershed Programme Implementation & Review Committee at the State level. At the Central level, implementation of the project is monitored through periodical review by the Secretary (RD) with the concerned State Secretaries. Similar Reviews are undertaken by the Joint Secretary Incharge of the programme. Visit to the project area by Central Officers handling the Programmes as well as by the Area Officers help in ensuring that targets are achieved by the implementing agencies.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2446 due for reply on 8.8.2000.

FUNDS RELEASED DURING VIII PLAN PERIOD (1992-93 TO 1996-97)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	IWDP	DPAP	DDP
	(Rs. in Lakhs)			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2853.15	76.53	1078.50

2	Arunachal Pradesh		0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Assam		0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Bihar		1208.51	21.45	0.00
5	Delhi		15.00	0.00	0.00
6	Gujarat		2308.05	32.93	4001.54
7	Haryana		1138.08	2.99	2969.19
8	Himachal Pradesh		862.57	2.61	2276.43
9.	Jammu & Kashmir		111.79	10.03	3589.31
10.	Karnataka		709.29	41.08	822.15
11	Kerala		940.66	0.00	0.00
12	Madhya Pradesh		1207.54	57.10	0.00
13	Maharashtra		180.50	56.86	0.00
14	Manipur		161.06	0.00	0.00
15	Meghalaya		57.42	0.00	0.00
16	Mizoram		351.95	0.00	0.00
17	Nagaland		1028.71	0.00	0.00
18	Orissa		1242.56	20.67	0.00
19	Punjab		771.16	0.00	0.00
20	Rajasthan		2127.06	19.99	22940.81
21	Sikkim		758.03	0.00	0.00
22	Tamil Nadu		638.44	34.26	0.00
23	Tripura		64.58	0.00	0.00
24	Uttar Pradesh		1987.27	56.21	0.00
25	West Bengal		807.49	9.47	0.00
26	Dadra Nagar Haveli		0.00	0.00	0.00
27	Andaman & Nicobar		0.00	0.00	0.00
28	Chandigarh		0.00	0.00	0.00
29	Daman & Diu		0.00	0.00	0.00
30	Lakshadweep		0.00	0.00	0.00
31	Pondicherry		0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL		21530.87	442.18	37677.93	